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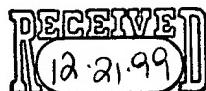
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AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Second Office Action dated December 2, 1999 which is FINAL and set a three month period for reply. This paper is being filed in the first month of the shortened reply period.

## Status of the Claims

The following status of the claims is based upon the Examiner's revised summary.

Claims 1 - 75 are in the application.

Claim 33 is objected to because of the stated informality.

Claims 19 - 49; and 53 - 64 are allowed.

Claims 1 - 18, 50 - 52, 65-66, and 68-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Daughton et. al.

Claims 51, 52, 67 and 74 are objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims 50, 66, and 71.

Claims 19 - 49, and 51 - 64 are allowable over the prior art of record.

## Summary of this response

1. Independent claims 1, 8, 12, and 50 are being amended to overcome 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection;
2. Claim 33 is being amended to correct the Examiner's noted informality;
3. Objected to Claim 51 is written in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 50;
4. Claims 65 an 66 are canceled;
5. Objected to Claim 67 is written in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 66;
6. Claims 68, 69, 70 are amended to depend from amended claim 67;
7. Independent claim 71 is retained without amendment;
8. Claim 74 is written in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 71.
9. Claims in application are 1 - 64, and 67 -75. The number of independent claims is not changed; the total number of claims is reduced from 75 to 73. No additional fee is due.

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